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LAW ENFORCEMENT - POSSIBLE SEIZURE F/V SACHI MARU NR 22/JRZL (JA)

1. U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER CONFIDENCE HAS OBSERVED THE JAPANESE
FISHING VESSEL SACHI MARU NR 22 TO BE IN
VIOLATION OF THE FCMA (16 USC 1857) BY INTENTIONALLY TRAWLING IN A
CLOSED AREA (MISTY MOON GROUNDS; 50 CFR 611.93 (B)(3)(I)(C)).
LOCATION: APPROXIMATELY 35 MILES SSW OF ST GEORGE IS. IN THE
BERING SEA AT POSITION 56-03N 170-10W.

- 2. SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION RELATIVE TO FISHERY CONSERVATION /MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND STRENGTH OF THE SUPPORTING EVIDENCE ARE COLLECTIVELY VIEWED BY COGARD, NMFS, AND DOJ AS WARRANTING APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS PROVIDED BY 16 USC 1859 AND/OR 16 USC 1860. REQUEST CONCURRENCE IN THE SEIZURE OF THIS VESSEL FOR VIOLATION OF THE FCMA.
- 3. PUBLIC INFORMATION GUIDANCE INVITED. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED, INTEND TO RESPOND FACTUALLY TO SPECIFIC QUERIES ON COAST UNCLASSIFIED

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GUARD ACTIONS TO NEWS MEDIA AND OTHER SOURCES.

ADDITIONALLY, COGARD RELEASE OF CASE INFORMATION WILL BE WITHIN LIMITS OF APPLICABLE LOCAL COURT RULE(S) FOR THE FED DIST COURT TO WHICH THE CASE WOULD LIKELY BE REFERRED.

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